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5 March 1956

Mr. Harland Bartholomew  
Chairman  
National Capital Planning Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bartholomew:

Thank you very much for your letter of 2 March 1956 with which you enclosed the final report of the National Capital Planning Commission concerning my proposal to establish a new headquarters for the Central Intelligence Agency at Langley, Virginia.

I appreciate very much the recognition given the special situation confronting this Agency in the selection of a proper site and your thoughtful final report. We shall give most serious consideration to all aspects of this report as we proceed with our planning and the establishment of our new headquarters at Langley. In particular, we believe that it need not have an adverse long-range effect on the established land use of the surrounding territory, and it will be the policy of the Agency to do everything in its power, in cooperation with the local authorities, to maintain the present nature of the area. I am confident that we can develop a headquarters at this site of which we can all be proud.

Sincerely,

/s/

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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